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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: COUNTRY SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS  
RESOLUTIONS AT UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE

REF: A. STATE 184178  
[1](#)B. STATE 182267

Classified By: Ambassador William T. Monroe for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) In the absence of the Foreign Minister, Pol/Econ Chief November 14 delivered reftel demarches concerning country specific human rights resolutions at the UNGA Third Committee to MFA Director for International Organization Affairs Ghassan Shaikho. Regarding Ref B demarche requesting Bahraini support for resolutions on Iran, Belarus, Uzbekistan, Burma, and North Korea, Shaikho said Bahrain would have no trouble supporting them with the exception of the Iran resolution. He did not rule out Bahrain voting in favor of the Iran resolution, but said that with Iran, Bahrain must be practical because "we have to live next door to them." He agreed, however, with the substantive points on the human rights situation in Iran. He pledged that Bahrain would do its best to oppose or abstain on any "No-Action" motions.

[1](#)2. (C) On the retaliatory resolutions targeting the United States and Canada (Ref A), Shaikho said these were unwarranted. He will request input from the Bahraini mission to the UN and said that Bahrain wants to support its "friend and ally" the United States.

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